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POOR PLANNING AND INDIFFERENCE
SLOW PLANT PRODUCTION

PLANT FINDS METAL SUPPLY INADEQUATE -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 70,
 5 Apr 50

The Belorussian Office of Glavmetallobyt is answering its supply obliga-
 tions in quantity only; it is failing to provide all the various kinds of metal
 called for. As a result, plants are forced to accept metal which is not speci-
 fied in their production plans, and this leads ultimately to a waste of metal.
 For example, steel of a type not needed in any of its production was unlocated
 on 7 March at the Mogilev Locomobile Plant.

Several tons of hexahedronal construction steel were needed by the plant
 for the first quarter's plan. But since this type of steel was not available
 at the Minsk Glavmetallobyt base, the plant had to accept another kind, of
 much larger dimensions.

Why does not the Glavmetallobyt base see to it that it has the necessary
 materials on hand?

PRODUCTION SUFFERS AS PLANT STRAYS FROM PLAN -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 71,
 24 Mar 50

The Leningrad Svoboda Plant did not produce a single machine during the
 first 20 days of March. This is typical of its aberrations from the production
 schedule, characterized by delays and last-minute speed-ups.

Sufficient efforts are not being made to put the new-design motor pumps
 into production, although the first model of this pump was made as far back as
 November. Crude methods must be used in the manufacture of many parts because
 of lack of proper equipment in the machine shop. The special cutters and
 chocks for turret lathes have not been made, so that many parts, including
 cylinders and casings cannot be machined on them but must be turned out on sim-
 ple lathes at a great expenditure of time.

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Work in the foundry is particularly unsatisfactory. Out of every 100 cylinders cast, 70-80 must be rejected. Thus there are hardly any cylinders going to the assembly shop.

Shop foremen fail to see the importance of strict adherence to logical order in following the plan. If, for example, there are no tools available for the manufacture of a certain part, then they will simply go on to the manufacture of parts for which there are available tools.

The large number of faulty products is not a result of haphazard working methods alone. In every shop one finds dirt and disorder. No effort has been made to arrange the equipment in the machine shop in a systematic manner. Thus there is a great waste of time in the inefficient movement of parts from one section to another.

During January and February, there were more than 2,000 hours of work stoppage, and the same number of overtime hours. Results of last-minute speed-ups are apparent not only in the high cost of products, but also in their poor quality. The Party committee is doing little to remedy the situation.

POOR PLANNING HINDERS PRODUCTION -- Trud, No 39, 15 Feb 50

The Staro-Kramatorsk Machine-Building Plant imeni Ordzhonikidze failed to produce all items called for by the 1949 plan because of poor planning by the Main Administration of Metallurgical-Machine Building, Ministry of Heavy Machine Building.

Generally, the administration's plans for the plant are not technically sound, and even tonnage indexes are drawn up only in rough form. For example, to meet an order for the Elektrostal' Plant, the plan called for the production of 71 tons of various equipment. According to technical data, the volume of the order was actually 184 tons.

Administration planning provides only an arbitrary distribution of orders in tonnage for the plant as a whole, without taking into account such technical factors as the time schedule, labor-consuming processes involved, and other elements. Quarterly plans often contain items not mentioned in year plans.

Final approval of 1949 costs and labor expenses was not delivered until 2 November. The approved budget departed radically from the original estimates.

REJECTS RAISE PRODUCTION COSTS -- Moskovskaya Pravda, No 33, 29 Mar 50

Loss from rejects in the machine-building industry amounts to 2-2.5 percent of the gross-production cost.

PLANNING CHIEF WANTED -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 52, 2 Mar 50

The Riga Plant of the Ministry of Heavy Machine Building urgently needs the following personnel: chief of the production-planning division, chemist to head laboratory, industrial engineers, construction engineers, power engineers, transport workers, and truck-crane operator. -- Advertisement.

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BUREAUCRACY STIFLES COMPETITION -- Trud, No 66, 17 Mar 50

The Moscow Pod'yemnik Plant is running behind the year plan. With both skilled and unskilled workers failing to meet their monthly, 10-day, and shift quotas, there are standstills and last-minute production spurts. There is no individual socialist competition in a number of shops because of the plant's bureaucratic attitude toward competitions.

WORKERS' SUGGESTIONS IGNORED -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 69, 22 Mar 50

At the Leningrad Hoist- and Transport-Equipment Plant imeni Kirov, the suggestions of workers, representing improved technology, are being ignored. Nothing has been done to put into effect several suggestions, made months ago: one for knurling threads on spokes which would greatly speed the manufacture of spokes; the other for lightening the work of sheet-iron cutting.

New devices for welding metal structures are not being used.

PLANT DEAF TO INNOVATORS -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 59, 19 Mar 50

Although the Chimkent Press-Automatics Plant is fulfilling its plan, the indifference of the management to the suggestions of innovators is retarding production progress. For example, a special jig designed by one of the workers has not been built, although it would speed work and reduce rejects in the machine shop.

Production at the plant is on a small-series basis. Thus, if innovators' suggestions are not put into effect right away, a series may be completed before the innovation can be applied to its production.

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